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PROCEEDINGS

SIXTEENTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2003

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 21).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Bailey; Baxter; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Campbell; Canales; Capelo; Casteel; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Dawson; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Ellis; Farabee; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Gallego; Garza; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Guillen; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hegar; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hughes; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jones, D.; Jones, E.; Jones, J.; Keel; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laney; Laubenberg; Lewis; Luna; Mabry; Madden; Marchant; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McReynolds; Menendez; Mercer; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, J.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Noriega; Oliveira; Olivo; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Rangel; Raymond; Reyna; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Stick; Swinford; Talton; Telford; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Uresti; Van Arsdale; Villarreal; West; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Wong; Woolley; Zedler.

Absent, Excused — Riddle.

Absent — Hodge; McClendon; Moreno, P.; Taylor.

(Taylor now present)

The invocation was offered by Representative Coleman, as follows:

"Through violence you may murder a murderer, but you can't murder murder. Through violence you may murder a liar, but you can't establish truth. Through violence you may murder a hater, but you can't murder hate. Darkness cannot put out darkness. Only light can do that...Difficult and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future. When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a creative force in this universe, working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil, a power that is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays

into bright tomorrows. Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." (Martin Luther King, Jr., *Where do we go from here?*, August 1967)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of illness:

Riddle on motion of Hughes.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Naishtat who presented Dr. Elliott Trester of Austin as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Trester and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Corte requested permission for the Committee on Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations to meet while the house is in session.

Permission to meet was granted without objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

(McClendon now present)

HR 40 - ADOPTED

(by Berman)

Representative Berman moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 40**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 40, Recognizing February 12, 2003, as State Use Program "Works Wonders" Day at the Capitol.

HR 40 was read and was adopted without objection.

HCR 46 - ADOPTED

(by Craddick)

Representative Keel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 46**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 46, Welcoming members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to the State Capitol.

HCR 46 was read and was adopted without objection.

HR 192 - ADOPTED
(by Hunter)

Representative Hunter moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 192**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 192, Recognizing February 12, 2003, as Library Day 2003 at the State Capitol.

HR 192 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative B. Brown who introduced David Byrnes, ranger captain, retired, president of the Texas Rangers Police Association and Kaufman County Sheriff and Robert Madra, lieutenant, retired, and vice president of the Texas Rangers Police Association.

HCR 41 - ADOPTED
(by Dutton)

Representative Dutton moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 41**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 41, Honoring Elvin Bethea of the Houston Oilers on his induction into the National Football League Hall of Fame in 2003.

HCR 41 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Hope, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 41** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The speaker recognized Representative Dutton who introduced Elvin Bethea of the Houston Oilers.

HR 99 - ADOPTED
(by Campbell)

Representative Campbell moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 99**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 99, Recognizing February 12, 2003, as Texas Educational Diagnosticians' Association Day at the Capitol.

(Dutton in the chair)

HR 99 was read and was adopted without objection.

(Edwards in the chair)

HR 105 - ADOPTED

(by Christian)

Representative Christian moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 105**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 105, Honoring Jewel Samford of Center on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

HR 105 was adopted without objection.

(Speaker in the chair)

HR 186 - ADOPTED

(by Hardcastle)

Representative Hardcastle moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 186**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 186, Recognizing February 12, 2003, as Vernon Day at the State Capitol.

HR 186 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Hardcastle who introduced a delegation from Vernon.

HR 159 - ADOPTED

(by Haggerty)

Representative Haggerty moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 159**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 159, Honoring Lieutenant Agustin Nakamoto, Jr., of El Paso, for being named 2002 Firefighter of the Year by the American Legion.

HR 159 was adopted without objection.

HR 189 - ADOPTED
(by J. Keffer)

Representative J. Keffer moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 189**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 189, Honoring the elected state officers of the Career and Technology Education student organizations.

HR 189 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative J. Keffer who introduced state officers of the Career and Technology Education student organizations.

(Crownover in the chair)

HR 194 - ADOPTED
(by Garza)

Representative Garza moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 194**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 194, Welcoming members of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH) to the Capitol.

HR 194 was read and was adopted without objection.

HR 212 - ADOPTED
(by Bailey)

Representative Bailey moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 212**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 212, Honoring Lyons Elementary School in Houston on its 10th anniversary.

HR 212 was adopted without objection.

HR 125 - ADOPTED
(by Eissler)

Representative Eissler moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 125**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 125, Recognizing February 12, 2003, as Goodwill Industries of Texas Legislative Day at the State Capitol.

HR 125 was read and was adopted without objection.

**HR 97 - ADOPTED
(by Hopson)**

Representative Hopson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 97**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 97, Designating February 12, 2003, as Panola County Day at the Capitol.

HR 97 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Hopson who introduced a delegation from Panola County.

**HR 181 - ADOPTED
(by Giddings)**

Representative Giddings moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 181**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 181, Honoring Billy F. Ingram of Dallas on his receipt of an Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus.

HR 181 was read and was adopted without objection.

**HR 98 - ADOPTED
(by Hopson)**

Representative Hopson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 98**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 98, Recognizing February 11 and 12, 2003, as Rusk County Days at the State Capitol.

HR 98 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Hopson who introduced a delegation from Rusk County.

HCR 47 - ADOPTED
(by Lewis)

Representative Lewis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 47**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 47, Honoring Tarrant County extension agent Hurley E. Miller for receiving the 2002 Superior Service Award.

HCR 47 was adopted without objection.

HCR 48 - ADOPTED
(by Lewis)

Representative Lewis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 48**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 48, Honoring Sonya Blackwell Smith of the Dunbar 6th Grade Center in Fort Worth for being named an Academic Chair for Teaching Excellence in English.

HCR 48 was adopted without objection.

HCR 49 - ADOPTED
(by Lewis)

Representative Lewis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 49**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 49, Congratulating Ernest Mason of Dunbar High School in Fort Worth on being named a U.S. Army All-American.

HCR 49 was adopted without objection.

HR 46 - ADOPTED
(by Canales)

Representative Canales moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 46**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 46, Recognizing February 12, 2003, as Jim Wells County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 46 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Canales who introduced a delegation from Jim Wells County.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 6).

HCR 50 - ADOPTED

(by Lewis)

Representative Lewis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 50**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 50, In memory of William Glenn Smiley, Jr., of Fort Worth.

HCR 50 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 2.)

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Insurance, upon adjournment today, speakers committee room, for a formal meeting, to consider **SB 310**.

Elections, 2 p.m. today, E2.012, for an organizational meeting and a public hearing to consider invited testimony.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, Senate List No. 4).

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Ways and Means, upon adjournment today, E2.020, for an organizational meeting.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative Uresti moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees and receipt of senate messages, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Rebecca Kinney of California, aunt of Representative Uresti.

The motion prevailed without objection.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

(Speaker in the chair)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 2).

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 11:38 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 600 (By Wolens, et al.), Relating to the regulation and reform of certain lines of insurance; providing a penalty.

To Insurance.

HB 601 (By Thompson), Relating to the administration of a retirement system for officers and employees of certain municipalities.

To Pensions and Investments.

HB 602 (By Noriega), Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle title service.

To Transportation.

HB 603 (By Noriega), Relating to the regulation of crematories, cemeteries, and funeral homes; providing a penalty.

To Public Health.

HB 605 (By Mowery), Relating to the number of administrators employed by a school district and the salaries paid to those persons.

To Public Education.

HB 606 (By Mowery), Relating to a state allotment to school districts for teacher salaries.

To Public Education.

HB 607 (By Mowery), Relating to the structure, powers, and duties of the State Board of Education, the commissioner of education, and the Texas Education Agency.

To Public Education.

HB 608 (By Denny), Relating to the selection of alternate public members to serve on the committee to review salaries and expenses of elected county or precinct officers.

To County Affairs.

HB 609 (By King), Relating to requiring certain municipalities to obtain landowner consent before annexing property.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 610 (By Campbell), Relating to certification of educational diagnosticians by the State Board for Educator Certification.

To Public Education.

HB 611 (By Giddings), Relating to a franchise tax credit for certain corporations that provide group health benefit plans to their employees.

To Ways and Means.

HB 612 (By Castro), Relating to notice to certain public school high school seniors and their parents or guardians of automatic college admission.

To Public Education.

HB 613 (By Castro), Relating to requiring institutions of higher education to use uniform grading methods for each class or section of the same course.

To Higher Education.

HB 614 (By Keel), Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with mental retardation.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 615 (By Keel), Relating to the appointment of counsel for an indigent applicant for a writ of habeas corpus in a capital case.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 616 (By Keel), Relating to the punishment for the offense of terroristic threat.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 617 (By Keel), Relating to the admissibility in a criminal proceeding of certain other crimes, wrongs, or acts.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 618 (By Keel), Relating to procedures and evidence in a hearing on a motion in a criminal case to suppress evidence, a confession, or a statement.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 619 (By Keel), Relating to notice of the presumption for theft by check.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 620 (By Keel), Relating to the legal representation of county officials by private attorneys in certain civil cases.
To County Affairs.

HB 621 (By Keel), Relating to exempting certain cold storage or processing facilities from recordkeeping requirements.
To State Cultural and Recreational Resources.

HB 622 (By Goolsby), Relating to business leave time accounts for police officers in certain municipalities.
To Law Enforcement.

HB 623 (By Goolsby), Relating to the regulation of motor vehicle title services.
To Transportation.

HB 624 (By Menendez and Castro), Relating to an offense of using a telephone while operating a motor vehicle.
To State Affairs.

HB 625 (By Lewis), Relating to equal access to places of public accommodation.
To Civil Practices.

HB 626 (By Reyna), Relating to exempting textbooks for university and college courses from the sales tax.
To Ways and Means.

HB 627 (By Reyna), Relating to an area quarantine in response to a bioterrorist attack; imposing a criminal penalty.
To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 628 (By Reyna), Relating to the penalty for stealing or knowingly receiving a stolen check or similar sight order.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 629 (By Pitts), Relating to state agency auditing of software licenses for software installed at the agency.
To State Affairs.

HB 630 (By Hilderbran), Relating to the designation of State Highway 173 between Kerrville and Jourdanton as the 173d Airborne Brigade Memorial Highway.
To Transportation.

HB 631 (By Hilderbran), Relating to the issuance of Texas Lions Camp license plates.
To Transportation.

HB 632 (By Campbell), Relating to the application of the sales tax to certain irrigation systems.

To Ways and Means.

HB 633 (By Campbell), Relating to the application of the sales tax to certain clothes-washing machines.

To Ways and Means.

HB 634 (By Campbell), Relating to the creation of a savings incentive program for state agencies.

To State Affairs.

HB 635 (By J. Jones), Relating to the selection of public members to the committee to review salaries and expenses of elected county or precinct officers.

To County Affairs.

HB 636 (By J. Jones), Relating to prohibiting housing discrimination against certain persons convicted of a nonviolent criminal offense.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 637 (By J. Jones), Relating to the regulation of industrialized housing and buildings by municipalities.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 638 (By Chisum), Relating to emissions reductions incentives and the emissions reductions incentives account.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 640 (By Bohac, Harper-Brown, Laubenberg, Rose, Eissler, et al.), Relating to certain requirements at the beginning of each school day in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 641 (By Kolkhorst), Relating to state agricultural policy regarding bison.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 642 (By Noriega), Relating to the dropout count and dropout rate of students in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 643 (By Wohlgemuth), Relating to the amount of exemplary damages that a plaintiff may obtain against a defendant.

To Civil Practices.

HB 644 (By Wohlgemuth), Relating to the creation of a judicial district composed of Johnson County.

To Judicial Affairs.

HB 645 (By Puente), Relating to prohibiting the creation or enforcement of certain restrictive covenants that undermine water conservation.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 646 (By Talton), Relating to the inspection of commercial motor vehicles in certain counties containing a port of entry.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 647 (By E. Jones), Relating to the authority of a law enforcement agency to remove property from a roadway.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 648 (By Goodman), Relating to standard physician contract forms for use in managed care plans.

To Insurance.

HB 649 (By J. Keffer), Relating to creating an interagency work group on rural issues.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 650 (By Campbell), Relating to the expiration of a gift certificate.

To Business and Industry.

HB 651 (By Pitts and Campbell), Relating to the creation of a savings incentive program for state agencies.

To State Affairs.

HB 652 (By Rangel), Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to publish certain performance data provided to the board by general academic teaching institutions.

To Higher Education.

HB 653 (By J. Davis), Relating to a shampoo apprentice permit.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 654 (By Pickett), Relating to tax increment financing under the Tax Increment Financing Act in certain cities that border Mexico.

To Border and International Affairs.

HB 655 (By Menendez and Corte), Relating to the sale of property by a defense base development authority.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 656 (By Geren), Relating to inspection, installation, repair, and maintenance of elevators, escalators, chairlifts, people movers, moving sidewalks, platform lifts, and related equipment; providing an administrative penalty.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 657 (By Wilson), Relating to relevant statutory provisions relating to age in the regulation of alcoholic beverages.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 658 (By Wilson), Relating to creation of a public education voucher pilot program for certain children.

To Public Education.

HB 659 (By Pitts), Relating to the designation of the interchange at U.S. Highway 75 and Interstate Highway 635 in Dallas as the David M. Laney High Five Interchange.

To Transportation.

HB 660 (By Allen), Relating to access to criminal history record information by certain licensing and regulatory agencies.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 661 (By E. Jones), Relating to the time allowed for execution of a search warrant issued to obtain a specimen for DNA analysis.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 662 (By Van Arsdale), Relating to the right of a resident of an area included in a municipal annexation plan to vote in a municipal election.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 663 (By Van Arsdale), Relating to the recovery of attorney's fees and certain costs in proceedings to recover delinquent debts owed to a county.

To County Affairs.

HB 664 (By Gallego), Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with mental retardation.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 665 (By Gallego), Relating to standards of competency for attorneys appointed as counsel to indigent applicants in certain habeas corpus proceedings.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 666 (By Swinford), Relating to value-added processing of agricultural goods into fuel ethanol and biodiesel and the fuel ethanol and biodiesel incentive program.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 668 (By McClendon), Relating to the members of the Texas Transportation Commission.

To Transportation.

HB 669 (By Deshotel), Relating to the authority of a home-rule municipality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting criminal trespass; providing for a criminal penalty.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 670 (By Phillips), Relating to the use of pseudonyms for victims of certain criminal offenses connected to the commission of a sex offense.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 671 (By Lewis), Relating to the requirements for certain alcoholic beverage licenses.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 672 (By Madden), Relating to the compensation of a county chair who is not present at a central counting station.

To Elections.

HB 673 (By Madden), Relating to parental notification of public school teacher qualifications.

To Public Education.

HB 674 (By Madden), Relating to the modification of certain child support orders.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 675 (By Dunnam), Relating to the regulation of riding stables.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 676 (By Dunnam), Relating to the continuation of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 677 (By Dunnam), Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities.

To Human Services.

HB 678 (By Eissler), Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.

To Transportation.

HB 679 (By Talton), Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to inform certain inmates of their right to request to undergo an orchiectomy.

To Corrections.

HB 680 (By Talton), Relating to a motion for recusal or disqualification of a statutory probate court judge.

To Judicial Affairs.

HB 681 (By Farrar), Relating to the location of a jail or related facility operated by a municipality and a county.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 682 (By Delisi and Hupp), Relating to permitting certain military dependents to qualify for automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 683 (By Goolsby), Relating to the cancellation of certain insurance policies.

To Insurance.

HB 684 (By Grusendorf), Relating to continuation and functions of the State Board for Educator Certification.

To Public Education.

HB 685 (By E. Jones), Relating to the liability of a private person rendering aid at the request of a governmental unit in an emergency.

To Civil Practices.

HB 686 (By Lewis), Relating to continuing education requirements for certain county commissioners.

To County Affairs.

HB 687 (By Lewis), Relating to continuing education requirements for certain court clerks.

To Judicial Affairs.

HB 688 (By Coleman), Relating to the release of a mechanic's lien.

To Business and Industry.

HB 689 (By Coleman), Relating to the adoption and ownership of mathematics and science textbooks for public grade school students.

To Public Education.

HB 690 (By Coleman), Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain physical injuries that are self-inflicted by a minor.

To Insurance.

HB 691 (By W. Smith), Relating to fraternal organizations that are exempt from certain requirements of the Alcoholic Beverage Code.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 692 (By Van Arsdale), Relating to the eligibility of a student to transfer to a different school under the No Child Left Behind Act.

To Public Education.

HB 693 (By Van Arsdale), Relating to the authority of a school district to reject the application of a student under the public education grant program.

To Public Education.

HB 694 (By Y. Davis), Relating to the application of the franchise tax to certain entities.

To Ways and Means.

HB 695 (By Delisi), Relating to franchise tax deductions and exemptions for certain business activities involving desalination devices.

To Ways and Means.

HB 696 (By Gutierrez), Relating to the prohibition of the use of credit reports in certain insurance underwriting decisions; providing penalties.

To Insurance.

HB 697 (By Gutierrez), Relating to procedures and standards for providing health care services in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 698 (By Gutierrez), Relating to the length of terms for trustees of an independent school district.

To Public Education.

HB 699 (By Gutierrez), Relating to the election of school district trustees from single-member districts.

To Public Education.

HB 700 (By Gutierrez), Relating to the amount of the appraised value of the residence homestead of a disabled or elderly person that is exempt from ad valorem taxation by a school district.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

List No. 2

SB 310 to Insurance.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

House List No. 6

HCR 39

Senate List No. 4

SCR 9

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

The Honorable Speaker of the House

House Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SB 310 Fraser

Relating to rate information to be filed by certain insurers of residential property; providing an administrative penalty.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

Message No. 2

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, February 12, 2003 - 2

The Honorable Speaker of the House

House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HCR 38

Eissler

SPONSOR: Jackson

In memory of the crew of the space shuttle Columbia.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

February 11

Insurance - **HB 639**

Public Education - **HB 604**

SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE

February 11 - HCR 35